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Institute on Child Care and Guidance

The California League of Nursing Education is sponsoring an Institute on Child Care and Guidance, which will be held in the Auditorium of the San Francisco Health Department Building, Friday, October 27, 1939. A nominal admission fee will be charged, but student nurses will be admitted free. An interesting program has been arranged as follows:

9.00- 9.30 a.m.-Registration.

9.30-10.30 a.m.—Six reel sound film depicting behavior phenomena of infancy—Compiled by Dr. Arnold Gesell.

10.30-11.30 a.m.—Demonstrations.

- 1. Mental Rating—Mrs. Mary Scally, Psychologist, San Francisco Department of Public Health.
- 2. Physical Examination—Dr. Amos Christie, Assistant Professor Pediatrics, University of California.

11.30-12.00 m. —Development of Individuality in the Child— Miss Wilma Lloyd, Institute of Child Welfare, University of California.

12m.-12.30 p.m.—Feeding Situations—Dr. E. B. Shaw, Chief of Communicable Disease, Children's Hospital.

Exhibits in charge of Miss Barbara Munson, Pediatrics Supervisor, University of California, may be visited during lunch hour.

1.30- 2.00 p.m.—Registration (for those not registered in a.m.)

2.00- 4.00 p.m.—Panel Discussion: Principles of Child Development and Parent Education in Nursing Situations.

Introducing the Panel—Miss Helen Reynolds, Director Visiting Nurses Association, San Francisco.

Presiding at Panel—Mrs. G. R. Folendorf, Administrator, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

- a. The Child at Home in the Hospital—Mrs.
 G. R. Folendorf, Administrator, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.
- b. The Need of Parent Education in the Public Health Program—Miss Mary B. Willeford, Nursing Consultant in Maternal and Child Health, California State Department of Health.
- c. The Nursery School and the Nurse—Mrs. Alma Smith Chambers, Supervisor of Nursery Schools of Northern California Department of Education.
- d. Student Nurse's Viewpoint as to the Value of Nursery School and Convalescent Care in Her Training—Mrs. Irene Cramon, Student Stanford School of Nursing.
- e. Child Guidance in School Nurse Program
 —Miss Hally Flack, Consultant in Individual Guidance, Oakland Public Schools.

Discussion.

4.00- 5.00 p.m.—Six reel sound films depicting behavior phenomena of infancy—Compiled by Dr. Arnold Gesell. (Repeated for those unable to attend in a.m.)

4.00- 5.00 p.m.—Demonstrations:

- 1. Case Presentation and Parent Education— Miss Hildred Holland, Supervisor, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.
- 2. Play Activities—Under direction of Mrs. Dorothy Henry, Director, Golden Gate Kindergarten and Nursery School.

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH—SOME OF THE THINGS IT DOES TO KEEP THE PUBLIC WELL

Supervises the purity of public water supplies.

Supervises the proper disposal of sewage.

Maintains supervision of sanitation of eating places and soft drink stands along the highways.

Supervises cleanliness of shellfish, including oysters and clams.

Supervises activities of 25 mosquito abatement districts for the control of malaria.

Conducts campaigns for the destruction of ground squirrels and rats, to protect the public against disease carried by these rodents.

Investigates industrial plants to eliminate hazards and to protect the health of the working man.

Maintains standards for foods and drugs.

Maintains high qualities in California wines and liquor.

Inspects and regulates local garbage dumps to maintain sanitation and rodent control.

Distributes to clinics and physicians, free of charge, drugs for the treatment of venereal diseases for patients who are unable to pay for such drugs.

Distributes free of cost to physicians "drops" to be placed in the eyes of newly born babies, to prevent blindness.

Supervises venereal disease clinics throughout the State. Distributes literature and films to inform the public on venereal diseases.

Searches for crippled children and conducts diagnostic clinics for them.

Provides treatment for needy crippled children to correct their handicaps.

Instructs children in the rural districts on proper care of teeth.

Provides physical examinations of infants and children in the rural districts assisted by local physicians. Distributes pamphlets, literature and films on child care, maternal and infant care.

Maintains a tuberculosis motor clinic equipped with X-ray equipment for use among migratory laboring population and other groups.

Maintains nutritionists to advise migratory laboring population on proper foods and their preparation.

Keeps three motor units with doctor, nurse and sanitarium on each to control communicable diseases, and provide medical and nursing relief for migrants, with Federal assistance. Supervises tuberculosis hospitals in order to maintain high standards of care.

Inspects maternity homes and hospitals to maintain high standards of service and care.

Makes bacteriological examinations to assist physicians of rural districts in diagnosis of disease.

Helps to organize and maintain full-time public health service in rural counties.

Files and indexes all birth, death and marriage certificates in the State, and issues copies upon request.

Supervises the sanitation and controls standards for canned vegetables, meat and fish products.

Investigates epidemics of communicable diseases and provides assistance in their control.

Examines public health nurses and issues certificates to those who qualify.

Examines laboratory technicians and issues certificates to those who qualify.

Supervises cold storage warehouses and issues licenses.

Inspects and issues permits to approved medical clinics.

Inspects and issues licenses to hospitals that operate under the nonprofit hospital act.

Conducts intensive study into the cause of influenza through cooperation with the Rockefeller Foundation.

Conducts studies into the prevalence and types of lobar pneumonia in California, through assistance of the Federal government.

I hope that here in America more and more the ideal of the well-trained and vigorous body will be maintained neck and neck with that of the well-trained and vigorous mind, as the two coequal halves of the higher education for men and women alike. The strength of the British Empire lies in the strength of character of the individual Englishman taken all alone by himself. And that strength, I am persuaded, is perennially nourished and kept up by nothing so much as by the national worship, in which all classes meet, of athletic outdoor life and sport.—William James (1890).

A CORRECTION

In the article by Doctor Harold K. Faber and Doctor Edward B. Shaw entitled "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Epidemic Poliomyelitis," published in the Weekly Bulletin of this department: Page 134, line 18 should read 11th nerve instead of 12th nerve.

SYMPOSIUM ON HEART DISEASE ANNOUNCED

The San Francisco Heart Committee, affiliated with the American Heart Association and the California Heart Association, has announced the Tenth Annual Postgraduate Symposium on Heart Disease, to be held November 16, 17, 18, 1939, under the chairmanship of Harold H. Rosenblum, M.D.

Physicians who desire to attend may apply to Ann P. Purdy, M.D., Secretary, San Francisco Heart Committee, 604 Mission Street, Room 802, San Francisco. The registration fee is \$15. This includes membership in the California Heart Association.

The general public may attend the annual informal dinner on Thursday evening, November 16th, at the Western Women's Club. Reservations for the dinner should be made with the field secretary, Rosemary T. Kobes, 604 Mission Street, San Francisco. Following is the program for the dinner, which is scheduled for 7.00 p.m.:

- 1. Brief Business Meeting and Election of Officers of San Francisco Heart Committee.
- 2. Special Feature in Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the San Francisco Heart Committee.
- 3. "Reduplication of the Four Heart Sounds." Arranged by Harold H. Rosenblum, M.D.
- 4. "The Treatment of Heart Disease Since Queen Bess." William Dock, M.D., Professor of Pathology, Stanford University Medical School.
- 5. The Human Heart (sound film prepared by March of Time).

STATE FAIR SANITATION

At the request of the secretary-manager of the State Fair, assistance was given in the supervision of the sanitary conditions during the State Fair, September 1 to 10 inclusive. Daily inspections were made of all food supply places, restaurants, lunch and refreshment stands, as well as to rest rooms and other places open to the public. As a result of the help given by the State Fair officials and concession-naires, a high standard of sanitation was maintained.

PSITTACOSIS CONTROL

In Southern California, 55 shell parrakeet aviaries were inspected and 156 interstate shipments were checked and approved. These shipments involved 1,925 shell parrakeets and 173 larger psittacine birds.

DISEASES REPORTABLE IN CALIFORNIA

REPORTABLE ONLY

Anthrax Malaria* Beriberi Pellagra Botulism Pneumonia (Lobar) Chancroid Relapsing Fever Coccidioidal Granuloma Rocky Mountain Spotted Dengue* Fever Fluke Infection Septic Sore Throat Food Poisoning Tetanus Glanderst Trichinosis Hookworm Tularemia Jaundice (Infectious) Undulant Fever Lymphogranuloma Inguinale

ISOLATION OF PATIENT

Chickenpox Ophthalmia Neonatorum Dysentery (Amoebic) Psittacosis Dysentery (Bacillary) Rabies (Animal) Erysipelas Rabies (Human) German Measles Syphilis Gonococcus Infection Trachoma Tuberculosis Influenza Measles Whooping Cough Mumps

QUARANTINABLE

Cholera†
Diphtheria
Encephalitis (Epidemic)
Leprosy
Meningitis (Epidemic)
Plague†
Acute Anterior PoliomyeScarlet Fever
Smallpox
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever
Typhus Fever
Yellow Fever†

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* Patients should be kept in mosquito-free room.
† Cases to be reported to State Department of Public Health
by telephone or telegraph and special instructions will be issued.

GENERAL HEALTH CONDITIONS GOOD

General health conditions, as reflected in reports of communicable diseases, were satisfactory during September. Cases of epidemic poliomyelitis continued to be reported at a higher rate than is usual at this season of the year. It is noteworthy, however, that there were 270 cases reported during August and 192 in September, indicating that the peak of the outbreak has been reached.

EPIDEMIC JAUNDICE AND BACILLARY DYSENTERY

An outbreak in a small community of Shasta County, involving 60 cases of epidemic jaundice and 200 or more cases of dysentery is still under investigation. Most of the water supplies of the community have been brought under chlorination, and the incidence of both diseases has practically disappeared.

MORBIDITY

Complete Reports for Following Diseases for Week Ending October 7, 1939.

Chickenpox

66 cases: Alameda County 2, Alameda 3, Oakland 2, Contra Costa County 3, Concord 1, Fresno 1, Humboldt County 1, Los Angeles County 1, Glendale 1, Long Beach 2, Los Angeles 11, Montebello 1, Santa Monica 2, Madera County 1, Orange County 2, Indio 1, Palm Springs 1, Sacramento 1, San Diego 4, San Francisco 16, San Joaquin County 2, San Luis Obispo County 1, Redwood City 1, San Jose 1, Sonoma County 1, Stanislaus County 3.

Diphtheria

12 cases: Lake County 2, Los Angeles County 1, Los Angeles 3, San Diego County 1, San Diego 1, Santa Clara County 1, Watsonville 1, Tulare County 1, California 1.*

German Measles

17 cases: Alameda County 2, Berkeley 2, Oakland 1, Martinez 1, Los Angeles County 1, Los Angeles 2, Mendocino County 1, Orange County 1, San Diego 1, San Francisco 2, San Joaquin County 1, Sonoma County 2.

Influenza

23 cases: Los Angeles County 5, Alhambra 1, Glendale 1, Long Beach 2, Los Angeles 6, Santa Monica 1, Colfax 7.

Malaria

11 cases: Fresno County 1, Kern County 3, Placer County 3, San Joaquin County 1, Solano County 1, Sutter County 1, California 1.*

Measles

78 cases: Butte County 2, Contra Costa County 2, Fresno County 1, Los Angeles County 3, El Segundo 1, Inglewood 1, Long Beach 1, Los Angeles 6, Monrovia 1, Pasadena 1, Santa Monica 1, South Gate 1, Belvedere 1, Mendocino County 6, Gustine 5, Monterey County 1, Carmel 2, Orange County 1, Corona 1, Indio 1, San Diego County 3, San Diego 21, San Francisco 3, Stockton 7, San Mateo 1, Los Gatos 1, Red Bluff 1, Tulare County 2.

Mumps

160 cases: Alameda County 2, Berkeley 8, Oakland 4, Butte County 1, Contra Costa County 1, Richmond 1, Kern County 7, Bakersfield 1, Los Angeles County 7, Huntington Park 1, Long Beach 5, Los Angeles 9, Montebello 1, Pasadena 1, Pomona 3, Santa Monica 4, South Pasadena 1, Lynwood 1, Marin County 2, Yosemite National Park 1, Merced 1, Monterey County 2, Monterey 1, Napa 1, Orange County 4, La Habra 3, Placentia 1, Riverside County 1, Banning 6, Sacramento 6, San Bernardino 3, San Francisco 15, Stockton 7, San Luis Obispo 1, Burlingame 1, Redwood City 1, San Mateo 15, Santa Barbara County 1, Santa Clara County 5, Mountain View 3, Palo Alto 13, San Jose 2, Sunnyvale 1, Santa Rosa 1, Stanislaus County 3, Tulare County 1.

Pneumonia (Lobar)

41 cases: Alameda County 1, Oakland 2, Los Angeles County 5, Glendale 1, Huntington Park 1, Long Beach 2, Los Angeles 10, Pasadena 1, Santa Monica 1, Torrance 1, Salinas 1, Sacramento County 1, Sacramento 7, San Francisco 2, San Joaquin County 2, Stockton 3.

Scarlet Fever

86 cases: Berkeley 1, Oakland 1, Richmond 5, Fresno County 2, Fresno 1, Humboldt County 1, Kern County 1, Los Angeles County 15, Burbank 1, Long Beach 2, Los Angeles 16, Redondo 1, San Fernando 1, Lynwood 1, South Gate 2, Madera County 5, Fort Bragg 1, Salinas 1, Sacramento County 1, Sacramento 1, San Diego County 1, National City 2, San Diego 1, San Francisco 5, San Joaquin County 5, Stockton 3, San Mateo 1, Santa Barbara 1, Santa Clara County 2, Gilroy 1, Palo Alto 2, San Jose 1, Tehama County 1.

Smallpox

4 cases: San Joaquin County 1, Sutter County 1, Yuba County 2.

Typhoid Fever

9 cases: Oakland 1, Fresno County 3, Los Angeles 2, Monterey Park 1, Yuba County 2.

Whooping Cough

118 cases: Alameda County 4, Oakland 2, San Leandro 2, Fresno 1, Lemoore 1, Los Angeles County 14, Alhambra 1, Azusa 2, Burbank 1, Long Beach 11, Los Angeles 22, Pasadena 1, Pomona 1, Lynwood 3, Mariposa County 2, Fullerton 6,

Orange 7, Santa Ana 5, Riverside 1, San Bernardino County 1, San Diego County 5, La Mesa 1, San Diego 2, San Francisco 5, San Joaquin County 1, San Luis Obispo County 1, Redwood City 1, Lompoc 1, Santa Barbara 7, Los Gatos 1, San Jose 2, Santa Cruz 2, Sonoma County 1.

Meningitis (Epidemic)

2 cases: Berkeley 1, Los Angeles County 1.

Dysentery (Amoebic)

9 cases: Bakersfield 3, Los Angeles County 1, Los Angeles 2, Indio 1, San Bernardino County 1, San Bruno 1.

Dysentery (Bacillary)

16 cases: Fresno County 1, Los Angeles County 7, Los Angeles 3, Indio 2, Sacramento 1, San Bernardino County 1, San Mateo County 1.

Poliomyelitis

47 cases: Oakland 1, El Dorado County 1, Fresno County 1, Fresno 1, Kern County 13, Bakersfield 1, Los Angeles County 2, Azusa 1, Glendora 1, Los Angeles 6, Pasadena 2, Pacific Grove 2, Sacramento 1, San Diego 2, San Francisco 3, Stockton 1, Redwood City 3, San Jose 1, Santa Rosa 1, Modesto 2, California 1.*

Tetanus

1 case: Los Angeles County.

Trachoma

1 case: Fresno County.

Hookworm

2 cases: Glendale.

Paratyphoid Fever

2 cases: Los Angeles 1, Sacramento County 1.

Food Poisoning

2 cases: San Francisco.

Undulant Fever

4 cases: Fortuna 1, Los Angeles 1, San Jose 1, Modesto 1.

Coccidiodal Granuloma

1 case: Kern County.

Septic Sore Throat

2 cases: Oakland 1, Sacramento 1.

Relapsing Fever

1 case: California.*

Rabies (Animal)

2 cases: Kings County.

*Cases charged to "California" represent patients ill before entering the state or those who contracted their illness traveling about the state throughout the incubation period of the disease. These cases are not chargeable to any one locality.

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